

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A method of real-time communication between a plurality of users each with respective communication devices having associated displays, the method comprising:

(a) providing each of the plurality of users with collaboration initiation software at their communication devices;

(b) allowing at least first and second users to connect to at least one communication network by logging in at their respective communication devices;

(c) maintaining service records for at least the first and second logged in users, the service records including user identification information and an associated location where the first and second users are each user is logged in;

(d) causing display of a user identifier for at least the second user in a personalized list including graphical icons representing at least one user on the display of at least a first user's communication device;

(e) allowing the first user to select the displayed second user's identifier;

(f) retrieving necessary addressing information of the second user; ~~and~~

(g) indicating to the first user whether another user is not logged in.

~~(g)~~(h) establishing a connection between the first and second users, thereby enabling real-time communication including video images of at least one user and real-time text ~~messages~~ displayed on the display associated with at least one user.

2. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the service records further include a location where the first and second users are ~~each user is~~ logged in no matter where they are located.

3. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein at least one communication device is a wireless device.

4. (original) The method of claim 2, wherein the communication network is a wide area network.

5.-7. (canceled).

8. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~7~~ 1, further comprising allowing the first user to:

(a) select a new user from among a plurality of potential users; and

(b) add that new user to an existing communication.

9. (original) The method of claim 3, further comprising:

(a) detecting an attempt by a third user to initiate a communication with the first user;

(b) notifying the first user of the attempt; and

(c) allowing the first user to establish a communication with the third user.

10. (currently Amended) The method of claim 9, wherein an indication of the attempt to initiate communications appears automatically on a user's display.

11. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~7~~ 4, further comprising

(a) allowing the first user to send an e-mail to the second user.

12. (currently amended) A method of real-time communication between a plurality of users each with respective communication devices having associated displays, the method comprising:

(a) providing each of the plurality of users with collaboration initiation software at their communication devices at least one of which is a wireless mobile phone device;

(b) allowing at least first and second users to connect to at least one communication network at least part of which is a wide area network by logging in at their respective communication devices;

(c) maintaining service records for at least the first and second logged in users, the service records including user identification information and an associated location where the first and second users are ~~each user is~~ logged in no matter where they are located;

(d) causing display of a user identifier for at least the second user on the display of at least a first user's communication device;

(e) allowing the first user to select the displayed second user's identifier;

(f) retrieving necessary addressing information of the second user; and

(g) establishing a connection between the first and second users, thereby enabling real-time communication displayed on the display of the first and second users.

13. (canceled).

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12, wherein the communication includes real-time text ~~messages~~ displayed on the displays associated with the first and second users.

15. (canceled).

16. (original) The method of claim 14, wherein the user identifier is in a personalized list.

17. (currently Amended) The method of claim 16, wherein the personalized list includes at least one graphical icons representing a user.

18. (original) The method of claim 17, further comprising indicating to a user whether another user is not logged in.

19. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~13~~ 14, further comprising allowing the first user to:

(a) select a new user from among a plurality of potential users; and

(b) add that new user to an existing communication.

20. (original) The method of claim 19, wherein selecting a user is done by clicking on an icon.

21. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~13~~ 14, further comprising:

(a) detecting an attempt by a third user to initiate a communication with the first user;

(b) notifying the first user of the attempt; and

(c) allowing the first user to establish a communication with the third user.

22. (currently amended) The method of claim 21, wherein an indication of the attempt to initiate communications appears automatically on a user's display.

23. (original) The method of claim 18, further comprising

(a) allowing the first user to send an e-mail to the second user.

24. (original) The method of claim 12, wherein the communications include video images of at least one user.

25. (currently amended) A method of real-time communication between a plurality of users each with respective communication devices having associated displays, the method comprising:

(a) providing each of the plurality of users with collaboration initiation software at their communication devices;

(b) allowing at least first and second users to connect to ~~at least one~~ respective first and second communication networks ~~by logging in at~~ using their respective communication devices;

(c) maintaining service records for at least the first and second logged in users, the service records including user identification information and an associated location where the first and second users are ~~each user is~~ logged in no matter where they are located;

(d) causing display of a user identifier ~~in a personalized list~~ for at least the second user on the display of at least a first user's communication device;

(e) allowing the first user to attempt to establish communication with the second user by selecting the displayed second user's identifier;

(f) retrieving necessary addressing information of the second user; ~~and~~

(g) notifying the second user of the attempt by the first user and of the first user's identity; and

(h) establishing a connection between the first and second users through at least their respective communications networks, thereby enabling ~~real-time~~ communication displayed on the display of the first and second users, wherein the ~~real-time~~ communication further includes video images of at least one user displayed on at least one other user's associated display.

26. (currently amended) The method of claim 25, wherein the communication includes real-time text ~~messages~~ displayed on the displays associated with the first and second users.

27. (currently amended) The method of claim 26, wherein the personalized user identifier is displayed in a list that includes graphical representations of users and is scrollable.
28. (original) The method of claim 26, further comprising indicating to a user whether another user is not logged in.
29. (original) The method of claim 25, wherein the communication includes video images of at least two users.
30. (original) The method of claim 25, wherein at least one communication device is a wireless device.
31. (currently amended) The method of claim 25, further comprising ~~wherein~~ at least one ~~part of the communication network is~~ a wide area network.
32. (original) The method of claim 27, further comprising allowing the first user to:
- (a) select a new user from among a plurality of potential users; and
 - (b) add that new user to an existing communication.
33. (original) The method of claim 26, further comprising:
- (a) detecting an attempt by a third user to initiate a communication with the first user;
 - (b) notifying the first user of the attempt; and
 - (c) allowing the first user to establish a communication with the third user.
34. (currently amended) The method of claim 33, wherein an indication of the attempt to initiate communications appears automatically on a user's display.
35. (currently amended) A method of real-time communication between a plurality of users each with respective communication devices having associated displays, the method comprising:
- (a) providing each of the plurality of users with collaboration initiation software at their communication devices at least one of which is a wireless device;

- (b) allowing at least first and second users to connect to at least one communication network by logging in at their respective communication devices;
- (c) maintaining service records for at least the first and second logged in users, the service records including user identification information and an associated location where the first and second users are each user is logged in;
- (d) causing display of a user identifier in a personalized list including at least one graphical icon representing a user for at least the second user on the display of at least a first user's communication device;
- (e) allowing the first user to select the displayed second user's identifier;
- (f) retrieving necessary addressing information of the second user; ~~and~~
- (g) indicating to the first user whether another user is not logged in;
- ~~(g)~~ (h) establishing a connection between the first and second users, thereby enabling real-time communication including real-time text displayed on the display of the first and second users.

36.-38. (canceled).

39. (currently amended) The method of claim 38 35, further comprising allowing the first user to:

- (a) select a new user from among a plurality of potential users; and
- (b) add that new user to-an existing communication.

40. (currently amended) The method of claim 38 35, further comprising:

- (a) detecting an attempt by a third user to initiate a communication with the first user;
- (b) notifying the first user of the attempt; and
- (c) allowing the first user to establish a communication with the third user.

41. (currently Amended) The method of claim 40, wherein an indication of the attempt to initiate communications appears automatically on a user's display.
42. (original) The method of claim 41, wherein the communications include video images of at least one user.
43. (new) The method of claim 1, wherein the indication to the first user of whether another user is not logged in occurs if no service record is found for the other user.
44. (new) The method of claim 18, wherein the indication to the first user of whether another user is not logged in occurs if no service record is found for the other user.
45. (new) The method of claim 28, wherein the indication to the first user of whether another user is not logged in occurs if no service record is found for the other user.
46. (new) The method of claim 35, wherein the indication to the first user of whether another user is not logged in occurs if no service record is found for the other user.
47. (new) The method of claim 2, wherein the location includes address information.
48. (new) The method of claim 12, wherein the location includes address information.
49. (new) The method of claim 25, wherein the location includes address information.
50. (new) The method of claim 35, wherein the location includes address information.